

# SENIOR PREP NEWS

Important news, dates, and tips regarding college & YOUR future

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## What Comes Next???



### SENIOR TO DO

- 1) Obtain applications for ALL schools to which you would like to apply. This might mean you need to call or email them to request an application!!!
- 2) Begin mailing applications ASAP. Make sure to see your College Advisor first to get official transcripts!
- 3) If you haven't already done so- REGISTER for the SAT and/or ACT TODAY! December 5<sup>th</sup> is the LAST time you should be taking it- **Deadline to register- Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**
- 4) Start sending in your scholarship applications NOW!!! —Don't wait for the due dates!
- 5) Ask teachers/ counselors for RECOMMENDATION letters NOW! Remember they need 3 weeks notice!
- 6) READ the monthly PREP NEWS newsletters provided by your college office for new scholarships and important information!

October and November will be busy months as you begin to prepare your college applications. A few things to keep in mind before you mail anything:

- **Make sure you have followed all application instructions carefully!** If a college is asking for 3 letters of recommendation, then 3 letters of recommendation are required!
- **Enclose a copy of your official high school transcript** (which will include your grades through the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade). Check with your College Advisor/Guidance Counselor on the procedures for obtaining an official transcript from your high school.
- **Enclose copies of your SAT scores with your application** Even if you are planning to take the November or December SAT, send your applications NOW! Once you receive your new scores, they can be forwarded to the college.
- **Be honest and thorough on your applications!** Enclose a copy of your detailed resume if the application does not have enough space to include all your activities.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE TO MAIL YOUR APPLICATIONS!** Never wait for the deadline. Remember, many colleges fill their programs as they receive applications. You should set a goal to have all college applications mailed before December 15<sup>th</sup>! This will ensure your application is reviewed. *(Be aware of Early Decision and Early Action deadlines that may come before December 15<sup>th</sup>)*

Do you need help navigating  
your college search?  
**CHECK OUT**

[www.admissions.com](http://www.admissions.com)  
A monster Company

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# FREE College Visit Programs

The best way to learn about a college is to actually VISIT IT! Below is a list of FREE visits to college campuses in the Northeast. Be mindful of the program application deadlines as they are quickly approaching. Apply early!!!

☑ **Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut- Preview Weekend, November 7-9<sup>th</sup>.** Students will have the opportunity to explore both the academic and social aspects of the Trinity community, with a focus on the experience of students of color. Students must have at least a “B” average to apply. This is a competitive process with a limited number of participants. If selected, financial assistance for transportation, housing and meals will be provided. If you have any questions, or to obtain an application, contact the Admissions Office at 860-297-2189, or visit [www.trincoll.edu](http://www.trincoll.edu). Applications must be submitted before **October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

☑ **Bates College, Lewiston, Maine - Prologue to Bates: Fall Open House Program for Multicultural Students: Nov. 8-10<sup>th</sup>.** Introduction to a small, highly selective college and all the benefits of a liberal arts education. Transportation, meals and lodging will be provided FREE. Application and essay due via fax (207)786-6025 no later than **October 9<sup>th</sup>** for November visit. For more information, see your College Advisor or contact Luis Martinez or Marilyn Scott in the Admissions Office at [lmartine@bates.edu](mailto:lmartine@bates.edu), (201)786-6000 or visit [www.bates.edu](http://www.bates.edu)

☑ **Mount Holyoke, South Hadley, Massachusetts- Focus on Diversity Program, November 8-9<sup>th</sup>.** During this overnight program high school seniors will be able to participate in activities designed to explore many aspects of pluralism. Program events include a panel discussion, workshop, and a cultural performance. You will also take a campus tour and have the opportunity to stay overnight in a residence hall with a current Mount Holyoke student whom you will shadow on Monday. For more information, or to receive an application, contact the Office of Admissions at (413)538-2023 or visit [admission@myholyokey.edu](http://admission@myholyokey.edu).

☑ **University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont- Discovering UVM Program, Oct. 25-27<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 8-10<sup>th</sup>.** Overnight program where students of underrepresented groups explore academic and extracurricular offerings at UVM. Students will spend 2 days in the residence halls with a host student, attend class, and learn about the college search process. Travel grants are awarded as needed. **Application deadlines: Oct. 12 & 26<sup>th</sup> respectively.** To learn more or to download an application, go to <http://www.uvm.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visiting/?Page=discover.html>.

☑ **Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut -**

**Explore Weekend Program: A Multicultural Experience for High School Seniors, November 14-16<sup>th</sup>.** **Explore** is designed to acquaint students with what a liberal arts college has to offer and more specifically, what Connecticut College has to offer in preparing students for successful careers in a global community. **Explore** participants will have an opportunity to experience and participate in a campus tour, admissions interview, overnight stay in a host dormitory, workshop on financial aid and applying to college, attend classes and meet the faculty and other students. Applications due no later than Friday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, go to [www.conncoll.edu/admission/adm\\_explore.htm](http://www.conncoll.edu/admission/adm_explore.htm) or contact Krystal A. Livingston, Associate Director of Admission and Coordinator of Multicultural Admission 1-888-553-8760 or via email at [krystal.livingston@conncoll.edu](mailto:krystal.livingston@conncoll.edu).





## **The Japan Center- Cannon Essay Competition at Stony Brook University**

The aim of the competition is to promote awareness and understanding of Japan in the United States and to help young Americans broaden their international horizons.

Three awards will be given in the high school division:  
1<sup>st</sup> place: \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$1,000 & 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$500

For more detailed information and submission guidelines, go to

<http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/japanese.nsf>

**Applications MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2009**

# **FINAL REMINDER:**

ALL SENIORS MUST REGISTER FOR THE DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

# **SAT exam**

**BEFORE, October 30<sup>th</sup> !!!**

This is the **LAST DAY** to register to take the SAT this year! If you are planning to go to college, **DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE SAT EXAM!**

Registration Materials and Fee Waivers are available in your College Office or register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)



—Lillian Rios

Check it out today!



# SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS

● **Alvin J. Cox Memorial Scholarship**- \$750 scholarships available to students in need of financial assistance. Each student may submit an essay on any topic of his/her choosing, and must include: a reason for deciding to attend college, a reason why he/she deserves the scholarship, and a chosen college major. For more information and to download an application, go to [www.alvincoxmemoial.com](http://www.alvincoxmemoial.com) . Application due Dec. 17, 2009.



● **Horatio Alger Scholarship**- scholarships awarded to assist students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Applicants should be able to demonstrate financial need, a good academic record (at least a 2.0 average), and a desire to contribute to society. For more information, go to [www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/index.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/index.cfm) . Application deadline Oct. 30, 2009.

● **Coca Cola Scholars Program** - \$20,000 scholarship awarded to students who demonstrate leadership, a commitment to community, academic achievement & employment. Students must apply online at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) . No paper applications or printed versions of the online application will be accepted. Application deadline Oct. 31, 2009, at midnight!

● **Prudential Spirit of Community Award** - \$6,000 scholarship and an opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. awarded to students. Recipients are chosen based on their dedication to community service and volunteerism. For more information on the program go to [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) You must be nominated by your high school and applications are due before November 2, 2009.

● **J.P. Morgan Chase Smart Start Scholarship Program** - Full tuition for 4 years plus \$500/year for books for students applying to any of the following: Baruch, Brooklyn College, Columbia, Barnard, City College, Fordham, LIU- Brooklyn, NYU, Pace, Polytechnic Univ., Queens College, St. Francis, St. John's and St. Joseph's. Includes a paid internship during the summer and school year at JP Morgan Chase. Must have an 90% or above average. For additional information and an application, go to [www.jporganchase.com/smartstart](http://www.jporganchase.com/smartstart) or see your college advisor for a brochure. Application deadline January 25, 2010.

● **Ron Brown Scholar Program**- 10 students receive \$40,000 scholarships. Criteria: African American students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, community service, and financial need. Applications available at <http://www.ronbrown.org/home.aspx> . Application deadline Nov. 1, 2009 & Jan. 9, 2010.

● **Gates Millennium Scholars Program**- Significant scholarships awarded through generous donations by Bill & Melinda Gates. To be eligible, students must: have an average of 90% or higher, be citizens or legal permanent residents of the U.S., be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander or Hispanic American, meet the federal Pell Grant guidelines (low-income). Essay and recommendation letter required. For an application, see your College Advisor or go to [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) (Deadline January 11, 2010)!



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# NEW SCHOLARSHIPS:

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●**Stokes Educational Scholarship Program**- Full-tuition at the college of your choice, reimbursement for textbooks and fees, year-round salary and a job with NSA (National Security Agency) after graduation! Students planning to major in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Computer Science, Mathematics, Electrical or Computer Engineering, International Affairs/Relations, International Finance, or area studies. Must be U.S. citizen, minimum SAT score of 1600 or ACT of 25, 85% or higher GPA, leadership abilities a must! To apply you must submit a resume online at [http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities\\_4\\_u/students/stokes.shtml](http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/stokes.shtml) For more information, call 1-410-854-4725 (Deadline November 30, 2009).

●**Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition**- \$30,000 scholarship awarded to students who compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on the patriotic theme "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by...". Students must record a 3 1/2 minute essay on a cassette tape or CD. For more information go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and go to Programs & Services--- Scholarships. (All entries must be received by the November 1, 2009 Deadline).



●**Stony World-Herbert Fund**- grants awarded to students with pulmonary (respiratory) problems who live or attend college in the New York City area and who can demonstrate financial need. Individual grants, averaging \$250 per month, are awarded for a maximum of four years. For more information or to apply, go to <http://www.stonywoldherbertfund.com> and click on Direct Service Grants.

●**Indiana State University College of Business Gongaware Scholarship**- \$25,000 scholarship, personal laptop computer and a \$3,000 personal development account awarded to students interested in the financial services industry. Students must exhibit leadership experience, have achieved at least 1500 on the SAT, have a minimum high school average of 88% and be in the top 10% of their graduating class. For more information, contact 1-888-269-4460 or <http://www1.indstate.edu/business/gongaware/scholarships.htm> (Deadline December 1, 2009).

●**Intel Science Talent Search**- \$1,000-\$100,000 scholarships awarded to students planning to study electronic engineering, mechanical engineering, applied sciences, computer science or a related field. For more information or to download an application, go to <http://www.societyforscience.org/sts/students/index.asp> . (Applications due November 18, 2009).

●**Anne Ford Scholarship**- \$2,500 renewable scholarships awarded to high school seniors with a learning disability planning to pursue an undergraduate degree. Students must demonstrate financial need and be a US Citizen with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applications available at <http://www.ncld.org/about-us/scholarships-aamp-awards/the-anne-ford-and-alleggra-ford-scholarship-award> (Applications due December 31, 2009).

●**Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)**- full & partial scholarships awarded to students of Hispanic heritage. Eligibility requirements: be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA form. Various scholarships available at <http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=426> (Deadline dates vary depending on scholarship).

●**Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition**- four-year, full –tuition scholarship to Boston University. For more information, go to [www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee) (Deadline to apply December 1, 2009).

# JFK Profile in Courage Award

The annual *John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest* invites high school students from across the nation to write an original essay about an elected official who has demonstrated political courage. The contest is a companion program of the **Profile in Courage Award**, named for President Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Profiles in Courage*, which recounts the stories of eight senators, the obstacles they faced, and the special valor they demonstrated despite the risks.

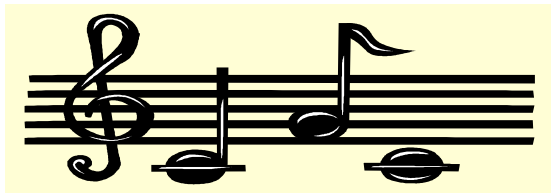
Winning essayists will receive awards totaling up to \$13,500. The first-place winner will be invited to accept the award at the Profile in Courage Award Ceremony hosted by Caroline Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. To encourage student leadership and civic engagement, the nominating teacher of the first-place winner will receive a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant for \$500.

For more information, eligibility requirements and to apply online :

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Essay+Contest+for+High+School+Students/Contest+Information/>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE JANUARY 10, 2010**

Are you a talented musician,  
but don't want to major in  
music during college?



Check out SKIDMORE COLLEGE'S  
Filene Foundation Music Competition  
Students will apply to Skidmore College, a  
highly competitive liberal arts school.  
Winners will receive a \$40,000 scholarship

Students must apply directly to Skidmore  
College before Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Students must then  
register online and  
CD's or cassettes should be postmarked by  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

For more information contact Michele  
Koskinen at [Koskine@skidmore.edu](mailto:Koskine@skidmore.edu) or  
518-580-5320 or visit  
[www.skidmore.edu/filenescholarship](http://www.skidmore.edu/filenescholarship)

# NYU

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



## Diversity Open House

Saturday, October 24, 2009

9:00am-12:30pm

Skirball Center for the Performing Arts  
566 LaGuardia Place, New York, NY 10012

For more info, or to register, go to

[http://events.embark.com/event/nyu/open\\_house/RegisterAndReserve.asp?FORMSTATE=1&EVID=67410](http://events.embark.com/event/nyu/open_house/RegisterAndReserve.asp?FORMSTATE=1&EVID=67410)

# COLLEGE VISITS . . .

Making personal contact with admissions representatives is **VERY** important! They are your ticket to your dream college.

Many high schools will host various college representatives throughout the fall semester and it is YOUR responsibility to know when those visits will take place! These **information sessions** are designed to give you more specific information about a particular school, the application process, requirements, and special programs. In addition to high school visits, colleges and universities also host **Open Houses** at their campus or **Information Sessions** throughout the city.

These are informal, group gatherings where you will have the opportunity to learn more about a particular college and the admission requirements. You can attend these **FREE** events alone, with a friend or with your parents.

Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call/email the **admissions office** to get more information as well.

Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to gather as much information as you can!



**WOW!!! October & November are busy months! Below is a listing of numerous College Open Houses and Information Sessions going on here in NYC, around NY State, and the country. Please READ THROUGH THIS LIST CAREFULLY!!! Find the schools YOU would like to learn more about, and decide if it is possible for you to visit or attend one of the sessions!**

1. **Barnard College**, *New York, New York*- Fall Open House: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>. Register early as space is limited. Go to [www.barnard.edu/admissm](http://www.barnard.edu/admissm) to register or call 212-854-2014 with any questions.
2. **Dartmouth College**, *Hanover, New Hampshire* – New York City Information Session: Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. The Fifteenth Street Meeting House, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY. For more information or to register go to <http://inyourcity.dartmouth.edu/infosessions/list/NY>.
3. **Manhattan College**, *Riverdale, New York*- Open House: Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> noon-3:00PM. If you have any questions or to register contact the admissions office at 1-800-MC2-XCEL or go to <http://www.manhattan.edu/admissions>.
4. **Skidmore College**, *Saratoga Springs, New York*- Fall Open Houses: October 12<sup>th</sup> or November 11<sup>th</sup>. Science & Math: November 8<sup>th</sup>, Dance: October 25<sup>th</sup>, Studio Art: November 14<sup>th</sup>, Theater: November 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information, go to <http://cms.skidmore.edu/admissions/openhouse/index.cfm>.
5. **Manhattan College**- *Riverdale, New York*- Open House: Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> noon-3:00PM. If you have any questions, contact the admissions office at 718-862-7200 or go to <http://www.manhattan.edu/admissions>.



6. **Syracuse University**- Syracuse, New York- New York City Information Sessions: Various dates based on your chosen field of study. For a complete listing of Information Sessions in NYC, go to <http://www.syr.edu/futurestudents/undergraduate/visitus/nyc.html> or contact the Lubin House for more information 212-826-0335.
7. **Penn State University**- State College, Pennsylvania - New York City Information Session: Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00PM. Marriott New York Marquis, Times Square, 1535 Broadway, NY, NY. For registration information go to [www.admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms](http://www.admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms).
8. **Smith College**- Northampton, Massachusetts- New York City Information Fair: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM at The American Museum of Natural History.
9. **Smith College**- Northampton, Massachusetts- Fall Preview Day: Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-3:30PM at Smith College. Explore the campus, speak to a financial aid representative, have lunch and learn about the social life. Register at [www.smith.edu/admission/fallpreview](http://www.smith.edu/admission/fallpreview) or by calling 800-383-3232.
10. **Savannah College Of Art & Design**- Savannah, Georgia- New York City Information Session: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30PM, New York Marriott East Side, 535 Lexington Ave., New York, NY. Information on academic programs, application process, portfolio preparation, scholarship opportunities and much more. Registration is required at [www.scad.edu/admission](http://www.scad.edu/admission) and click SCAD in Your Area.
11. **F.I.T.-Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY)**- New York, New York- Open House, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-3:00PM For more information, go to <http://www.fitnyc.edu/5142.asp>.
12. **Manhattanville College**- Purchase, New York- Fall Open House: October 17<sup>th</sup> or November 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-noon. RSVP online at: <http://www.manhattanville.edu/AdmissionsandFinancialAid/Visiting/OpenHouses/Default.aspx>
13. **Canton (SUNY)**- Canton, New York- Fall Open Houses: October 17<sup>th</sup> or November 21<sup>st</sup>. \*You must register no later than one week prior to the event! Register online at [www.canton.edu/admissions/open\\_house.html](http://www.canton.edu/admissions/open_house.html) or call 1-800-388-7123.
14. **Iona College**- New Rochelle, New York- Fall Open House, Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30AM-3:30PM. For more information go to <http://www.iona.edu/admissions/openhouses.cfm#oct> or call 1-914-633-2502.
15. **Old Westbury (SUNY)**- Old Westbury, New York- Fall Open House: Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am. Register online at <http://www.oldwestbury.edu/admissions/events.cfm>.
16. **Daemen College**- Amherst, New York- Fall Open House: Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-1:30pm. Register at [www.daemen.edu/admissions](http://www.daemen.edu/admissions) or 1-800-462-7652.
17. **Landmark College**- Putney, Vermont- Open Houses: October 24<sup>th</sup> or November 21<sup>st</sup>. Landmark College is one of the only accredited colleges in the United States designed exclusively for students with dyslexia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD), or other specific learning disabilities. For more information, go to [www.landmark.edu](http://www.landmark.edu) or 802-387-6718.
18. **Washington University in St. Louis**- St. Louis, Missouri- New York City Information Session- Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00PM. Directors Guild Theater, 110 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY. For more information, go to <http://admissions.wustl.edu/Pages/default.aspx>.
19. **Utica College**- Utica, NY- Fall Open House: November 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-1:00pm. Please register online at [www.utica.edu/openhouse](http://www.utica.edu/openhouse) or 1-800-782-8884.

# Interested in dance, music, theater, visual arts???

The Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) College Fair are designed for students interested in pursuing undergraduate and graduate study in the areas of **music, dance, theater, visual arts, graphic design**, and other related disciplines. Attendees learn about educational opportunities, admission and financial aid, portfolio days, audition and entrance requirements, and much more by meeting with representatives from colleges, universities, conservatories, festivals and other educational institutions with specialized programs in the visual and performing arts.



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00–9:30PM**

**Riverside Church**

**490 Riverside Drive, Manhattan**

<http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/pva/Pages/09PNYC.aspx>

## CUNY Application Procedures:

**Register on the FREE CUNY Portal Account. This will allow you to:**

- Apply online for undergraduate admission and check the status of your application
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships, and check the status of those applications
- Have a customized CUNY homepage called "My Page"

**\*\*\*If you do not have a Social Security Number you can still apply! CUNY will assign you a temporary CUNY ID number. The CUNY ID number is NOT a Social Security Number and should only be used when you reference your CUNY application.**

**[www.cuny.edu/undergraduate](http://www.cuny.edu/undergraduate)**

# The Common Application

The Common Application is a widely used set of forms that allows students to apply to multiple schools simultaneously. It requires one essay, three recommendations and other basic personal information. Once completed, students can send it to any of the colleges that are part of the common application consortium. Please keep in mind that the Common App is rarely (if ever) the only component of the application for any given school. Most colleges require you to complete supplemental forms and/or short essays.

Download the Common Application at

<http://www.commonapp.org/>



## WHAT IS HEOP?

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) provides supportive services and financial aid to New York State residents attending independent colleges and universities in New York State.

### **How Do I Apply?**

To apply for admission to a Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), request an application from the institution that you are interested in attending. There are 61 HEOP programs throughout New York State, offering a wide variety of academic courses in major fields of study. **Please be mindful of individual HEOP application deadlines at each college.**

### **Can I Afford To Attend College?**

HEOP provides colleges with funds to help meet the cost of your education. You will also be eligible for other State, Federal, and institutional financial aid awards. Students are required to apply for the State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Federal Pell Grant.

For more information on HEOP programs and college contact information, go to

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/pdf/HEOPWebBrochure2009.pdf>

# Attention ART STUDENTS:

## NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY- What is it?

National Portfolio Days are about the exchange of information: about your work, yourself, your college plans, your concerns. They are not an examination or a competition. College representatives are there to discuss their programs with you and to discuss your work or works in progress, sketch books, tear sheets, etc.

No admission decisions or scholarships will be offered to you at a National Portfolio Day. Some colleges represented may accept the portfolio you present as the visual portfolio of your application. Other colleges have review structures which prohibit them from making a definitive decision at the time of your review. All expect your art to progress in the coming months. You are urged to discuss your work with as many representatives as possible! MARK YOUR CALANDER NOW!



## **NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00-4:00PM**

**Pratt Institute-Arc Lower Level  
200 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn**

**[www.pratt.edu](http://www.pratt.edu)**

# SUNY EOP INFO SESSION

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**

The State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) has a long history of providing access, academic support, and financial aid to New York State residents who show promise for mastering college-level work, but who may otherwise not be admitted. Offered primarily to full-time students, EOP accepts students who qualify, academically and economically, for the program.

The EOP Group Information Session provides an opportunity for students and families to learn more about EOP, including the benefits, application and admission process, and financial assistance.

**SUNY Center for Student Recruitment , College of Optometry  
33 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Lower Mezzanine, New York, NY**



Do you want to take the



Register online at  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date- **Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Registration Deadline- **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**

*\$73.00 charge to take the exam, but fee waivers are available from your College Advisor!*

There are many new test sites to take the ACT EXAM!!! For a complete list go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and type in your zip code!



[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)

Check out this website! It is a wonderful college information resource!!! **Free online scholarship search**, paying for college information, **minority student interests**, Spanish content and much, much more!

**TIME 2000-**

**A Math-Teaching Program**

**Full tuition scholarships available**

To attend Queens College and major in mathematics/minor in education- with a goal of becoming a mathematics teacher.

**Criteria:** Must have a B average in math & English classes and a B average overall. All applicants must be recommended by a math teacher. All applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents (Deadline January 1<sup>st</sup>).



For more information, go to  
<http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/time2000/time2k.html>

**COLLEGE BOUND  
STUDENT ATHELETES...**

**YOU MUST SUBMIT  
A NCAA Initial  
Eligibility Clearinghouse Application**

If you are planning to participate in sports in college you are **REQUIRED** to submit this form!

Fee Waivers are available from your College Advisor if you qualify

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**  
[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)



# **Big Apple College Fairs**

## **BRONX**

Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00-8:00PM

**Herbert Lehman  
High School**

## **MANHATTAN**

Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

5:00-8:00PM

**Washington Irving  
High School**

## **BROOKLYN**

Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

1:00-4:00PM

**Kingsborough  
Community College**

## **STATEN ISLAND**

Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

1:00-4:00PM

**College of  
Staten Island**

## **QUEENS**

Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

1:00-4:00PM

**St. John's University**

- **Meet representatives from more than 150 Colleges and Universities!**
- **Enter to win one of four \$1,000 scholarships!!!**
- **Private college counseling sessions!**
- **Workshops on Financial Aid**
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Personal interviews are available for high school students in the fall of their senior year. An interview is not required, but may strengthen an applicant's candidacy. For the student, it is an opportunity to talk directly with a member of the Admissions Committee, and share goals, interests, and academic information. Interviews are available through December and must be scheduled in advance by calling the Lubin House.

The Lubin House holds required portfolio reviews and auditions for students applying to architecture, art and design, acting, musical theater, and design/technical theater. However, you should call the Director of Recruitment and Admissions in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at (315) 443-2769 to inquire about specific programs to determine if it is possible to present your portfolio or audition at Lubin House.

**All NYC High School students can visit the Lubin House at  
11 East 61st Street (between Madison and Fifth Avenues)  
to learn more about Syracuse University  
Lubin House 212-826-0335**

## SUNY Financial Aid Workshops

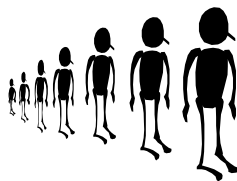
Prospective students and families are invited to attend a workshop which will provide detailed information about the financial aid application and award process. The workshop will help you become familiar with the terminology associated with financial aid and the variety of resources that are available.

<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00PM</b>

**SUNY Center for Student Recruitment  
33 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
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## **Letters of Recommendation**

### **How to Stand Out from the Crowd**

Most college applications request two or three recommendation letters from people who know you in and out of the classroom.

#### **Whom Should I Ask?**

Read the application carefully. Often colleges request letters of recommendation from an academic teacher (sometimes a specific subject) and/or your school counselor. If a non-specified academic teacher is requested, your English or math teachers usually make good candidates. Also, you should use a teacher from junior year, or a current teacher if he/she has known you long enough to form an opinion. It is best not to go back too far, as colleges want "current" perspectives on their potential candidates. All the better if you get a recommendation from a teacher who's also been involved with you outside the classroom, but unless a college specifically requests it, don't use a coach or someone who can't speak to your academic achievements and potential.

#### **When Should I Ask?**

Make sure to give your recommendation writers plenty of time—at least one month before letters are due—to complete and send your recommendations, but as with anything, the earlier the better.

#### **How Can I Get the Best Possible Recommendations?**

Talk to your recommendation writers. For teachers, it's important that they focus on your academic talents and accomplishments within their classroom, because that's what colleges are looking for in teacher recommendations. Talk to them about what you remember about their class and your participation in it. Highlight a particular class, paper, or anything else that might help them provide anecdotal information and specific examples of your achievement, rather than just vague praise.

It's also important that you spend time talking with your counselors and ensure they know about your plans, accomplishments, and involvements. You may want to provide them with a brief resume of your activities and goals; a resume can provide the best overview of your high school involvement and contributions. Also, if there is some aspect of your transcript that needs explaining—perhaps low grades sophomore year—it's helpful to talk with your counselors to explain "why" and "how" you've changed and improved.

Check out the monthly College Board Senior Newsletters  
for more helpful hints:

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Have you completed  
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What's  
in your  
portfolio?

How are  
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— Washington, DC —  
Sunday, October 25  
1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Walter E. Washington  
Convention Center

— Philadelphia —  
Monday, October 26  
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Pennsylvania Academy  
of the Fine Arts

— Boston —  
Monday, November 2  
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Boston Center for the Arts,  
Cyclorama

— New York City —  
Tuesday, November 3  
7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.  
Riverside Church

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